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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED QUESTIONS OF FUTURE ADB RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM WITH SCHULZ AND OSTERHAUS IN OFFICE OF IBRD AND REGIONAL BANK AFFAIRS OF MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION. WHILE THEY APPRECIATED PROBLEM WE FACED IN MAINTAINING CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR ADB, THEY BELIEVED IT WOULD BE AN ERROR FOR THE NON-REGIONAL MEMBERS TO TRY ACTIVELY TO PREVENT A RESUMPTION OF ADB OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA.

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2. THEY ARGUED THAT IN FIRST PLACE BANK HAS A LEGI-

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TIMATE INTEREST IN SEEING WHERE IT STANDS CONCERNING PROJECTS ALREADY UNDERWAY AS WELL AS STATUS OF OBLIGATIONS OF PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTS TO THE BANK. THEY SEE NO REASON WHY BANK SHOULD NOT INITIATE DISCUSSIONS TO CLARIFY POINTS OF THIS SORT. AS TO QUESTION OF FUTURE PARTICIPATION, SCHULZ BELIEVED IT WOULD BE FAR BETTER FOR BANK TO ADOPT POSTURE OF KEEPING DOOR OPEN. BY CONTINUING ADB OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO OFFER PRESENT GOVERNMENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW A PATH OF GREATER AUTONOMY WITHIN COMMUNIST BLOC. SCHULZ RECALLED THAT MARSHALL PLAN WAS OFFERED TO COUNTRIES ON BOTH SIDES OF IRON CURTAIN AND THAT IMF HAS TAKEN RECEPTIVE POSTURE CONCERNING POSSIBLE EASTERN EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION.

3. SCHULZ, WHO REPRESENTED FRG AT LAOS DONORS GROUP MEETING IN APRIL, RECALLED THAT AT THAT TIME US DEL JOINED OTHERS IN TRYING TO IMPRESS PATHET LAO PARTICIPANTS OF DESIRABILITY OF KEEPING DOOR OPEN TO THE WEST. HE FEARS THAT IF WE SWITCH TO HARD LINE AT THIS POINT, WE WILL DESTROY ANY CHANCES WE HAVE FOR WORKING WITH THE PATHET LAO, AND THAT WE WILL ALSO RISK ALIENATING OTHER ASIAN MEMBERS WHO ARE SENSITIVE ABOUT PROTECTING THE REGIONAL INTEGRITY OF THE BANK.
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